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SUBJECT: SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS TO PREPARE A DRAFT RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC QUARTERS, TOWNS AND SITES AND THEIR INTEGRATION IN A MODERN ENVIRONMENT, WARSAW, FEB 8-18, 1976

- 1. DEPUTY PERMREP WARVARIV MET JANUARY 8 WITH ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL BOLLA (SWITZERLAND) TO REVIEW UNESCO PREPARATIONS FOR SUBJECT MEETING AND TO OBTAIN INFORMATION PERTINENT TO US PARTICIPATION THEREIN.
- 2. BOLLA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR USG COMMENTS ON THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT RECOMMENDATION, WHICH HE FOUND VERY USEFUL, AND ASSURED THAT THEY WILL BE FULLY REFLECTED IN THE DG REPORT, NOW BEING PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT, CONTAINING ANALYSIS OF OBSERVATIONS RECEIVED FROM MEMBER STATES, AS WELL AS IN A REVISED DRAFT RECOMMENDATION WHICH WILL FORM AN ANNEX TO DG'S REPORT AND WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT MEMBER STATES' LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMENTS. THIS TWO-PART DOCUMENT SHOULD BE READY

IN FOUR LANGUAGES BEFORE END OF JANUARYAND BOLLA PROMISED US AN ADVANCE COPY, IN ENGLISH, AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE.

- 3. BOLLA SAID THAT IN ADITION TO US, FOLLOWING COUNTRIES HAVE SENT IN THEIR COMMENTS RE SUBJECT DRAFT RECOMMENDATION: ARGENTINA, DENMARK, SPAIN, FRANCE, HUNGARY, JAPAN, MALAYSIA, NORWAY, POLAND, SWEEDEN, SWITZERLAND, AND YUGOSLAVIA. HE OBSERVED THAT, ON THE WHOLE, ALL COMMENTS ARE VERY FAVORABLE AND CONSTRUCTIVE.
- 4. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION, WHETHER ABSENCE OF RESPONSES FROM AFRICAN AND ARAB REGIONS MIGHT SUGGEST LACK OF INTEREST ON PART OF MEMBER STATES OF THESE REGIONS IN SSUBJECT MEETING, BOLLA REPLIED THAT HE EXPECTS ABOUT 45 TO 50 COUNTRIES TO BE REPRESENTED AT WARSAW MEETING, INCLUDING FEW FROM REGIONS IN QUESTION.
- 5. ASKED IF THE SECRETARIAT ANTICIPATES AN IS PRE-PARED FOR ANY DIFFICULTIES OF POLITICAL NATURE, E.G., INTRODUCTION OF DIVISIVE JERUSALEM ISSUE, BOLLA STATED THAT "EVERYTHING WILL BE DONE IN ORDER TO AVIOD SUCH DIFFICULTIES." ASKED TO ELABORATE ON THAT POINT BOLLA SAID, IN CONFIDENCE, THAT THE HOST GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN APPRISED OF POTENTIAL TROUBLES AND HAS PROMISED TO DUE ITS BEST TO AVERT THESE. SINCE, ACCORDING TO USUAL TRADITION, A POLISH NATIONAL (MOST LIKELY PROFSTANISLAV LORENTZ) WILL BE ELECTED TO CHAIR SUBJECT MEETING. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT HE WILL COOPERATE TO ASSURE ITS FULL SUCCESS.
- 6. DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOBES (AMERICAN) WILL OPEN THE MEETING ON DIRECTOR GENERAL'S BEHALF AND IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN WARSAW FOR THREE DAYS. WE WILL MEET WITH FOBES NEXT WEEK AND WILL ATTEMPT TO SEEK HIS VIEWS AND GUIDANCE RE SUBJECT MATTER AND WILL REPORT TO DEPARTMENT.
- 7. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT DEPUTY PERMREP BE ASSIGNED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO ATTEND SUBJECT MEETING TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND DESIRED CONTINUITY OF EFFORTS.
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